

TO AMEND THE INSANITY LAW BILL TO LIMIT ATTEMPTS TO SECURE FREEDOM.

Measure to Prohibit Teaching of Religious Doctrines in the Public Schools—Proposed Brooklyn City College by Merger of Educational Institutions.

ALBANY, Feb. 17.—Assemblyman J. S. Phillips to-day introduced two proposed amendments to the Code of Civil Procedure and the insanity law which are aimed to meet the situation involved in such repeated attempts to secure freedom from asylums as have been made by Harry K. Thaw and others. Under the present procedure there is no limit to the number of attempts which may be made through certiorari and habeas corpus writs to secure the release of such persons.

The first of the Phillips bills would amend section 2018 of the civil code by providing that except as provided in section 93A of the insanity law a person shall not be entitled to a writ of certiorari or of habeas corpus when he has been committed to or is detained in a State hospital for the insane or for insane criminals or for insane convicts by virtue of a judicial determination of his insanity by a competent tribunal and has been granted or writ.

The second bill provides section 93A as a new section of the insanity law and limits the right of a person confined in a State hospital to a second writ of habeas corpus or certiorari. It requires a certificate under oath of two physicians that they have examined the person under custody and believe him to be sane and recovered his sanity. The authorities of the hospital may present facts in opposition and the granting of the writ is within the discretion of the court.

In the Assembly to-day the concurrent resolution of Assemblyman Dana was advanced to third reading. It proposes an amendment to the State Constitution requiring that to ratify an amendment it will hereafter need an affirmative vote at least equal to two-thirds of the total vote cast at the previous general election for Assemblymen.

There was a long discussion which brought out that if that requirement had been amendments to the Constitution ratified in this State during the last ten years. Mr. Dana said that if such an amendment was made he believed the parties interested in the ratification of an amendment hereafter would canvass for votes for it in the same manner that votes are now canvassed for candidates of a party. Twenty-five States now require a two-thirds vote to make possible the ratification of a constitutional amendment, including Illinois, the Carolina, Alabama and Colorado. Assemblyman W. G. Miller introduced a bill providing that school districts shall not be entitled to receive any portion of public school money if such districts have been convicted of a crime or crimes of any kind or if books are used teaching such doctrines or prejudicial to the doctrines of any particular sect. The bill, however, without note or comment, is not to be excluded.

A bill of Assemblyman MacGregor permits the Sunday sale of ice cream, magazines, periodicals, and confectionery, bottled, cooked, prepared and baked foods.

It is provided in a bill of Assemblyman Tombs that pleadings, papers and records of testimony in divorce cases shall be filed unsealed and be at all times open to public inspection.

Abstracts are placed under the inspection of the State Commissioner of Agriculture by a bill introduced by Assemblyman Lansing, Republican, of Rensselaer.

A bill of Assemblyman Becka empowers educational institutions in the city of New York to merge into a Brooklyn college. The Board of Estimate and Apportionment is authorized to acquire sites for the buildings of the Brooklyn college, to make contracts with the college for the erection of buildings from the college funds or funds donated by the city and for the maintenance of the college. This is the same as the Murphy Brooklyn college bill of 1907.

Assemblyman Wilensack of Queens introduced a bill in line with the suggestion of Mayor Gaynor and Andrew Carnegie, eliminating from the law of the State all provisions taxing personal property.

The bill provides that wharves, piers or other structures on lands leased from the city or a municipal corporation are not to be exempt from taxation as personal property until the leasehold term expires or the lease is otherwise cancelled.

The Brackett-Gray local option bill for cities will have a joint hearing before the Senate Committee on Taxation and the Assembly Excise Committee on March 10.

OFFICE FOR COL. SANGER.

Gov. Hughes Appoints Him State Lunacy Commissioner.

ALBANY, N. Y., Feb. 17.—Gov. Hughes to-day appointed William Cary Sanger of Saratoga, Ontario county, as a member of the State Commission in Lunacy to succeed William L. Parkhurst of Canandaigua, Ontario county, an old time friend of the late Senator John Raines. Mr. Parkhurst's term expired December 31, 1909, and Gov. Hughes expected Mr. Parkhurst to hold over presumably because if he appointed Mr. Parkhurst's successor the nomination would not be confirmed by the State Senate so long as the late Senator John Raines was in the saddle as Senate leader.

A Commissioner in Lunacy gets a salary of \$5,000 and receives \$1,200 annually for expenses. The term is six years. Col. Sanger has been a member of the Assembly and for a time was an Assistant Secretary at Washington under Roosevelt. Mr. Parkhurst has been a member of the State Commission in Lunacy for thirteen years.

When Col. Sanger's nomination was sent to the Senate by the Governor this morning it received immediate confirmation because he was a former member of the Legislature.

THE CROSS-STATE RAILROAD.

Its Promoters Prepared to Show That It Can Be Put in Operation for \$65,000,000.

ALBANY, Feb. 17.—Attorneys for the Buffalo, Rochester and Eastern Railroad are now prepared to show that not only is the demand for the railroad general from one end of the State to the other but that it can be built for the sum mentioned by them in their application—\$65,000,000.

By the testimony of James C. Boyd, expert engineer connected with the firm of Westinghouse, Church, Kerr & Co., a New York engineering concern, it is expected that the commission will be convinced of the feasibility of the route of the proposed railroad from an engineering standpoint and can obtain \$100,000,000 as easily as it can get \$65,000,000, the sum which it claims would be necessary to build the road and place it upon an operating basis.

The commission has expressed the belief that the railroad cannot be constructed for less than \$100,000,000. Before the hearing is concluded the attorneys hope to have proved beyond a doubt that the company will have no difficulty in financing the construction and can obtain \$100,000,000 as easily as it can get \$65,000,000, the sum which it claims would be necessary to build the road and place it upon an operating basis.

Tammany Club to Fund Its Debt and Wati. The Nameless Club at 233 West 100th street, the Tammany club of the Seventeenth district, got permission from Supreme Court Justice Gerard yesterday to mortgage its property for \$50,000 to pay debts of \$10,000.

CHAIN OF WATERFRONT PARKS

With City Steamboats Connecting Them, Is Stover's Suggestion.

Park Commissioner Stover aroused enthusiasm yesterday morning at a meeting of the Women's Municipal League at 19 Madison Square North when he outlined his plans for the extension of the park system.

"New York city has 365 miles of shore line," he said, "much of which is not utilized. There is no reason why we should not have a chain of parks along the two rivers and the bay which could be connected by a line of steamboats run by the municipality."

Mr. Stover explained that plans were already on foot for a line of boats connecting De Witt Clinton Park with the Palisades Amusement Park. Persons who wrote letters to the newspapers, he continued, seemed to be much exercised concerning the possible fate of Central Park, but there was really no reason for them to worry.

"I have been fighting threatened vandalism in Central Park," he said, "for more than twenty years and my mental attitude has in no way changed. I did not favor the building of a speedway through the park nor the cutting of it by an elevated railroad. It is not likely that I shall further any scheme to divide it into city lots. At the same time I believe that the park exists primarily for the pleasure and recreation of all the people and I shall certainly do everything in my power to make all parts of it accessible and adaptable for all sorts of outdoor amusements."

Mr. Stover said that he had asked the Board of Estimate for \$3,000,000, \$1,000,000 of which he proposes to spend on that part of the park near McGowan's Pass Tavern. This building, he intimated, would probably not be used as an inn after the present lease expires but will be converted into a recreation center for children. He also advocated establishing a camp of tents on the east side of the park for the use of very young children and their mothers.

He then defended himself against the adverse criticism which was called forth by his consideration of the proposition of the Aborn Opera Company that they should be permitted to erect an opera house in the park.

He thought, he said, to consider any proposition which seemed in the least degree reasonable, because even if it did not eventually seem wise to adopt it in its entirety it might contain some ideas which would prove valuable.

LIEUT. GRIFFITH TO BE TRIED.

Naval Militiaman Accused of Drunkenness While on Duty.

ALBANY, Feb. 17.—Adj.-Gen. Nelson B. Henry to-day announced that Gov. Hughes had ordered a court-martial to try Lieut. Walter R. Griffith of Brooklyn, Naval Militiaman, accused of drunkenness while in command of the guard on the steamboat Robert Fulton at New York city during the Hudson-Fulton celebration in October last. The details of the court comprises Lieutenant-Commander Russell Raynor, First Battalion, New York; Navigating Lieutenants K. L. Martin, Second Battalion, Brooklyn, and Starr Taintor, First Battalion, and Lieut. E. N. Walbridge, Third Battalion, Rochester, and C. B. Townsend, signal officer, New York. Lieutenant-Commander John G. Agar, New York, paymaster, is named as judge advocate. The court-martial is to meet on the U. S. S. Granite State at the foot of Ninety-seventh street, North River, on February 19, at 3 P. M.

Justice Jenks Redesignated to Appellate Division.

ALBANY, Feb. 17.—Gov. Hughes announced to-day that Justice Almet F. Jenks of Brooklyn, whose assignment as Associate Justice of the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court, Second Department, will expire on April 4, will be redesignated and that the presiding Justice of the court had been notified to that effect.

Mayor Gaynor May Appoint Another Assistant Secretary.

ALBANY, Feb. 17.—The State Civil Service Commission to-night approved the action of the Municipal Commission of New York city in creating an additional position of assistant secretary to Mayor Gaynor, the place to be exempt from examination. The salary is \$2,500 a year.

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Value \$4.50; Special \$2.97

Silver case, plain polished or engraved, open face, Swiss movement. They were made to sell at \$4.50; special \$2.97.

Value \$4.00; Special \$2.97

Decorated enamelled case—red, green, light and dark blue—gold-filled centre, jewelled Swiss movement. Made to sell at \$4.00; special \$2.97.

Value \$8.00; Special \$4.96

Silver case, hunting or open face, plain polished or engraved, fifteen jewel Swiss lever movement and second hand, value \$8.00; special \$4.96.

Value \$7.50; Special \$4.96

Solid 10k gold case, plain polished, Swiss movement. They were made to sell at \$7.50; special for this sale \$4.96.

Value \$12.00; Special \$5.49

Gold-filled case, guaranteed to wear twenty years, hunting and open face style, fitted with warranted New Elgin lever movement, value \$12.00; special \$5.49.

Value \$8.50; Special \$5.94

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Value \$10.00; Special \$7.49

Gold-filled case, guaranteed twenty years, plain polished, open face, fitted with Waltham, Elgin and La Forge and Valentine movements; value \$10.00; special \$7.49.

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Gold-filled hunting case, guaranteed twenty years, plain polished, engine turned or engraved, fitted with "Herald Square," Waltham or Elgin movement; value \$12.00; special \$8.89.

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Gun metal case, open face, guaranteed Swiss lever movement; white or black dials; value \$4.00; special \$2.49.

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Silver case, open face, plain polished or engine turned, fitted with Waltham or Elgin movement; value \$7.00; special \$5.49.

Value \$7.50; Special \$5.89

Gold-filled case, guaranteed twenty years, open face, fitted with Waltham or Elgin movement; value \$7.50; special \$5.89.

Value \$10.00; Special \$7.49

Gold-filled case, guaranteed twenty years, plain polished; fitted with Waltham or Elgin movement; value \$10.00; special \$7.49.

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L. M. FINESTOCK, Auct., 70 Bowry, sells to A. M. all pledges for unpaid loans from pawnbrokers pledged previously to Feb. 11, 1909, both inclusive, and all older ones, as follows: Feb. 11—J. E. Lemay & Co., Chas. Keller, Jewellery, Feb. 21—J. M. & L. Herrigan, 1305 East 125th st., all pledges prior Feb. 10, 1909, to No. 40000; M. Manley & Sons, 304 5th av., all pledges prior Feb. 11, 1909.

Feb. 23—A. Lawrence, 115 3d av., all pledges prior Feb. 10, 1909, to No. 70000; A. Bricker, 210 8th av., all pledges prior Feb. 15, 1909, to No. 15000; Feb. 24—E. B. B. formerly 160 6th av., Berger Bros., 204 West 3d st., all pledges prior Feb. 11, 1909.

Feb. 25—Fine consignment Jewellery.

CENTRAL AUCTION CO., M. Sheehan, Auctioneer, 125 Canal st., sells to A. M. Feb. 18—By McAlister's, 124 8th av., unredeemed pledges running from No. 45000, Nov. 1, 1909, to No. 2000, Jan. 31, 1909, inclusive, and all goods held over.

Feb. 19—By McAlister's, 460 Fulton st., Brooklyn, unredeemed pledges running from No. 15000, Dec. 1, 1909, to No. 170, Jan. 31, 1909, inclusive, and all goods held over.

Feb. 20—Clothing: C. Weaver, 730 10th av., and Wm. Frazer & Sons, 477 7th av.

Feb. 22—Clothing: B. Bros., 1137 3d av., and M. Raphael, 277 9th av.

Feb. 24—Jewellery: S. H. Polster, 427 8th av.

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